

Application No.: 10/814,324
Petition to Make Special
Attorney Docket: WETCO-001B

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Applicants:	DAN DUKE, ET AL.)	Confirmation No.
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For:	COOLING WATER SCALE AND)	
	CORROSION INHIBITION)	

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

MAIL STOP PETITION
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102 and MPEP § 708.02, Applicants hereby petition to accord the present application special status insofar as the same is directed to an invention which materially enhances the quality of the environment of mankind. Specifically, the present invention is directed to methods for controlling silica or silicate scale formation in aqueous water systems and thus contributes to the restoration or maintenance of a basic life-sustaining natural element, namely, water. In this regard, the methods of the present invention are directed at eliminating undesirable practices of controlling scale through the use of scale inhibitors that are either toxic or suboptimal in their effectiveness. Moreover, the methods of the present invention are operative to substantially minimize laborious silica removal practices, as well as prolong the life of equipment effected by silica formation, such as equipment utilized in cooling, water processes or cooling tower system, among numerous others.

In support of this petition to make special is the declaration of Dan A. Duke, which explains how the invention of the present application contributes to the restoration and maintenance of aqueous systems that are prone to scale formation and silicate fouling



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problems. Insofar as the present petition seeks to make the present application special based upon environmental quality, it is believed that no fee is required for such petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c).

To the extent there are any questions or further information is required regarding this petition, please direct all such inquiries to Applicant's counsel. Also if any fees are required, please charge to our Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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